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Emergency Plan of Action Final Report

Senegal: Food Insecurity



Emergency Appeal: MDRSN011	Glide no: XXXX
Date of Issue: 30 September 2016	Date of disaster: From April 2015
Operation start date: 23 April 2015	Operation end date: 23 April 2016
Host National Society: Senegalese Red Cross Society (SRCS): 14 regional branches and 45 departmental/district branches. Around 30,000 volunteers and 187 local staff.	Operation budget: CHF 2,533,016
Number of people affected: 639,702 people in food security crisis in March (from Harmonized framework March 2015), projected to 1,035,000 people affected in June-August 2015.	Number of people assisted: immediate needs: 40,000 beneficiaries (5,000 households) and 1,760 children and pregnant / lactating women. Middle term: 32,000 people (4,000 households)
National Societies involved in the operation: British, American and French Red Cross Societies, ICRC and IFRC	
Other partner organizations involved in the operation: Senegalese Government (SE/CNSA), WFP, FAO, ACF, CECI-ACTED	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

This Food Security crisis has been a regional crisis affecting the Sahel area, in mainly four countries - Senegal, Gambia, Mauritania and Guinea Bissau. A total of 3.55 million people needed emergency food assistance in the Sahel in 2015. This appeal has been part of a wider response in the region and has been included in the IFRC Sahel Food Insecurity Regional Operational Strategic Plan. To provide an appropriate and timely response, the IFRC Sahel Regional Representation, in collaboration with the Africa Disaster Management Unit and the Senegalese Red Cross Society (SRCS) launched an Emergency Appeal for CHF 2,533,016 to support 72,000 vulnerable people for 12 months. The appeal activities were planned in 4 departments where Senegalese Red Cross Society had a comparative advantage and capacity to support the vulnerable populations in: Kanel (Matam), Podor (Saint Louis), Fatick (Fatick) and Goudomp (Sedhiou). These intervention areas were targeted based on the 3 survey results (ERSAN, SMART, and the latest harmonized framework) and for being the more depressed areas in need of humanitarian assistance and to avoid duplication with other actors.

Summary of response

Overview of Host National Society

Actions that were taken were based on a holistic and integrated approach meant not only to meet immediate needs of targeted households with a cash transfer programme, but also to meet the nutritional needs of children under two years and pregnant or lactating women (PW/LW) by providing enriched supplements and related activities. Focus was on the reinforcement of vulnerable households' livelihoods and on diversification of income sources (for 4,000 households or 32,000 people) to strengthen households' resilience. The strategy also helped vulnerable people in livelihoods through cash distributions. An RDRT member, then an operations manager supported the SRCS to implement activities. Training and targeting activities have been completed in the framework of the operation.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

As this is a regional Food Security crisis, a regional coordination was put in place with the Sahel Regional Office (which became Dakar Country Cluster Office in 2016) and Africa Regional DMU coordination, in terms of resource mobilization, technical support and peer-to-peer support for affected countries and for the implementation process across the region. The SRCS has agreements and has been working in the area of Food and Nutrition Security with different partner National Societies (British, American, French, and Danish Red Cross Societies), and ICRC.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The Senegalese Red Cross Society has a good collaboration with local NGOs, UN and European agencies such as the World Food Programme (WFP) and ECHO in the field of food targeted distributions, and cash transfer programming. The National Society also maintains particular relationships with the Government. The National Society has been working with UNDP and FAO in the field of rehabilitation, strengthening and protecting livelihoods (through agricultural inputs and livestock).

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall Objective

To improve the food and nutrition status of the Senegalese population affected by food crisis through rehabilitating and strengthening their livelihoods.

For more details on the operational strategy and plan see the [Emergency Plan of action](#)

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Food Security, Nutrition and Livelihoods

Outcome 1: Improve coverage of immediate food needs for 5,000 most vulnerable households (40,000 people) affected by the food crisis during the 2015 lean season in the departments of Fatick, Goudomp, Kanel and Podor

Output 1.1: Conduct a detailed assessment of immediate households needs and targeting affected population

Output 1.2: Food assistance in the form of cash transfer is paid to beneficiaries already identified as affected by the crisis

Activities:

- 1.1.1 Information for authorities / setting up of targeting committee /awareness sessions in village assemblies
- 1.1.2 Targeting process and surveys verification
- 1.1.3 Market analysis / partners (shops) targeting and MoU signed
- 1.1.4 Validation of beneficiary list and contract with partners (UPA and shops)
- 1.1.5 Preparation and distribution of beneficiary cards and vouchers
- 1.1.6 Distribution of vouchers /exchange of vouchers vs food
- 1.1.7 Shops managers` conciliation and billing
- 1.1.8 Post distribution monitoring, and monitoring and impact analysis

Achievements

1.1.1 Prior to the implementation of activities information visits, awareness and objectives sharing of the Emergency Appeal were done with local authorities in the intervention areas.

1.1.2 Regarding the targeting process and surveys verification, the Senegalese Red Cross Society adopted a methodological, participatory and inclusive approach that fully involved communities in the implementation of activities. The selection of beneficiaries was done during villages' general assemblies in which household's selection criteria was discussed and explained, as per the socio-economic categorization from the Household Economic Approach (HEA) methodology.

1.1.3 To better ensure the feasibility of cash transfers and the relevance of modalities, SRCS conducted with support from the British Red Cross, a market survey in Kanel and Podor departments. The National Society, as per the National Response Plan, issued food vouchers equivalent to CFA 5,000 per household member, and with a maximum value of CFA 40,000 per household. Prior to the selection, information sessions were organized with shopkeepers to share the objectives of the programme, its challenges and its importance for beneficiaries and shopkeepers, conditions for participation, criteria, the terms of the agreement and expressions of interest.

1.1.4 All lists of household beneficiaries proposed by targeting community committees were submitted to the approval of community complaints committees and the villages' assemblies.

1.1.5 All distribution sites were identified by the community upon the following criteria: a place with space, shade, mats, a few chairs and tables. To respect the principle of neutrality the distribution site was also a neutral place known by all and close to the majority of beneficiaries' homes.

1.1.6 The distribution of vouchers to the target beneficiaries was carried out on the basis of planning taking into account the critical time of the lean season, that is to say when stocks are depleted and that population has been waiting for new crops. It is worth mentioning that three rounds of distributions were conducted where beneficiary households received amounts of money between FCFA 10,000 to FCFA 40,000 per household in Kanel and Podor departments. The considered rate was 8 persons per household.

Intervention areas	Targeted household	Households reached	Remaining households to be reached
Podor	1,500	1,343	157
Kanel	1,500	1,286	214
Goudomp	1,000	422	578
Fatick	1,000	398	602
Total	5,000	3,249	1,551

Outcome 2: Resilience of targeted households is strengthened and livelihoods protected for 4,000 households (32,000 beneficiaries)

Output 2.1: Targeted households receive agricultural and livestock inputs to strengthen and protect their livelihoods (2,000 households)

Output 2.2: Targeted households receive cash grants for income generating and strengthening resilience activities (2,000 households)

Activities

2.1.1 Detailed assessment on recovery needs

2.1.2 Identification of households on needs about agriculture and livestock inputs

2.1.3 Distribution of agriculture inputs (seeds, fertilizers and tools) and livestock inputs

2.1.4 Post distribution monitoring and monitoring and impact analysis

2.1.5 Detailed assessment, and market analysis on recovery needs

2.1.6 Identification of households on needs about cash grants for income generating activities and other activities

2.1.7 Distribution of cash grants

2.1.8 Beneficiary implementation support

2.1.9 Post distribution monitoring and monitoring and impact analysis

Achievements

2.1.1 To better understand the needs of the target populations, the National Society, with technical support from the British Red Cross Society (BRCS) conducted a livelihoods assessment.

The results of the assessment showed that.

- 40% of households use their own agricultural production;
- 10% of households use their own livestock production;
- 10% of households buy their own food;
- 20% of households get food through credit supply; and
- 20% get food in exchange of work.

The activities planned under Outcome 2 could not be implemented due to limited funding received for the Emergency Appeal.

Challenges

Lack of funding.

Lessons learned

None reported.

Health and Care

Outcome 3: Nutritional status of children under 2 years, pregnant and lactating women of beneficiary households is saved and does not deteriorate during 2015 lean season in the departments of Fatick, Goudomp, Kanel and Podor

Output 3.1: Targeted distribution of fortified food is effective for children under 2 years and PW/LW at risk of malnutrition

Output 3.2: Targeted households are monitored and made aware of the essential nutrition actions and intervention and sensitization for youth and child good practice for 1,760 children under 2, pregnant and lactating women for 3 months

Activities

- Identification of populations targeted by the activity (PW/LW, children under 2 years) resulting from very poor households targeted by the project
- Performing social mobilization activities regarding main causes of malnutrition, ways of improving family diets using available resources, specific food needs for sick and other vulnerable people
- Community sensitization on main hygiene practices and distribution of soap, aqua tabs and any other disinfectant materials
- Performing community-based surveillance regarding major infants and children's diseases
- UPA managers' conciliation and billing
- Post distribution monitoring and monitoring and impact analysis
- Cooking demonstration sessions are organized and awareness of good nutrition practices
- Referencing cases SAM/MAM detected to the supported structures
- Coordination meetings and joint planning with partners, ensuring systematic management

Achievements

The screening and referral activities were carried out by Senegalese Red Cross volunteers in all targeted areas during the targeting period of potential beneficiary households. They reached 96 children out of which 16 were referred to health centres for care and treatment. The remaining 80 others were at risk of malnutrition. The Red Cross volunteers were already trained on measuring Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC). Most of the activities under Health and Nutrition could not be implemented due to limited funding towards the Emergency Appeal.

Challenges

Lack of funding.

Lessons learned

None reported.

Disaster preparedness and risk reduction

Outcome 4: Improve National Society capacity at community, branch and national level in preparation, risk reduction and response to future crisis

Output 4.1: National staff and 200 volunteers have knowledge in food and nutrition security and develop skills to strengthen livelihoods and cash transfer programming (CTP)

Activities:

- NDRT Food Security & CTP refresher course
- Training and capacity building in CTP for staff and volunteers
- Volunteers operational training in different activities (assessment, distribution, nutrition awareness, etc.)
- Deployment of two food security RDRTs for training and capacity building

Achievements

In the framework of the capacity building of the staff in charge of the implementation of response activities, the Senegalese Red Cross Society organized an orientation workshop in Goudiry on the overall package of the Appeal activities for 13 national staff members. This workshop brought together participants from the regional committees of Sedhiou, Saint-Louis, Fatick, Dakar and headquarters. The main topics of the workshop included the targeting process of beneficiaries for distribution activities, cash transfer programming, and nutrition and accountability aspects. The same type of workshop was also organized for 50 Red Cross volunteers in each intervention area. An RDRT member has been working to support the SRCS in Appeal activities.

Challenges

None reported.

Lessons learned

None reported.

Quality Programming / Areas Common to all Sectors

Outcome 5: The quality of the operation is ensured and documented by participatory in-depth needs assessments and accountability measures

Output 5.1: The management of the operation is fully coordinated and informed by a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system

Activities:

- Strategic Workshop for coordination staff to set-up orientation
- Revision of Emergency Plan of Action
- Volunteer insurance
- Activity and response monitoring
- Conduct an evaluation of the response (regional approach)
- Coordination and engagement with key stakeholders,
- Coordination within the Regional Strategic Framework

Achievements

The Senegalese Red Cross Society conducted an assessment workshop including the operational staff, Red Cross representatives from Podor, Kanel, Goudomp and Fatick areas, authorities from the National Committee, partners and resource persons.

Challenges

None reported.

Lessons Learned

None reported.

D. THE BUDGET / EXPENDITURE

The balance will be relocated to the following projects.

- CHF 5,000 for the 2015 food security programme will be conducted during the second half of October.
- CHF 4,7753 for the food security/Resilience workshop for the Sahel leaders the week of 10-14 October.

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Disaster Response Financial Report

MDRSN011 - Senegal - Food Insecurity

Timeframe: 23 Apr 15 to 23 Apr 16

Appeal Launch Date: 23 Apr 15

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Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2015/4-2016/08	Programme	MDRSN011
Budget Timeframe	2015/4-2016/04	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		2,533,016				2,533,016	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>		78,065				78,065	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>		16,218				16,218	
<i>The Canadian Red Cross Society (from Canadian Government*)</i>		75,156				75,156	
C1. Cash contributions		169,439				169,439	
Other Income							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>		150,000				150,000	
C4. Other Income		150,000				150,000	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		319,439				319,439	
D. Total Funding = B + C		319,439				319,439	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance							
C. Income		319,439				319,439	
E. Expenditure		-309,685				-309,685	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		9,753				9,753	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			2,533,016			2,533,016		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Food	31,680						31,680	
Seeds & Plants	200,000						200,000	
Utensils & Tools	4,000						4,000	
Other Supplies & Services	7,000						7,000	
Cash Disbursement	1,375,000						1,375,000	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	1,617,680						1,617,680	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom			1,221			1,221	-1,221	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment			1,221			1,221	-1,221	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage			422			422	-422	
Distribution & Monitoring	28,000		98,998			98,998	-70,998	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	130,200		11,526			11,526	118,674	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	158,200		110,946			110,946	47,254	
Personnel								
International Staff	190,400		107,484			107,484	82,916	
National Staff	14,151		36,276			36,276	-22,125	
National Society Staff	140,208						140,208	
Volunteers	80,095						80,095	
Total Personnel	424,854		143,760			143,760	281,094	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants			43			43	-43	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees			43			43	-43	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	52,500		139			139	52,361	
Total Workshops & Training	52,500		139			139	52,361	
General Expenditure								
Travel	12,900		10,322			10,322	2,578	
Information & Public Relations	7,000		47			47	6,953	
Office Costs	29,700		34			34	29,666	
Communications	36,619		1,036			1,036	35,583	
Financial Charges	12,500		7,469			7,469	5,031	
Other General Expenses	26,466						26,466	
Shared Office and Services Costs			15,767			15,767	-15,767	
Total General Expenditure	125,185		34,675			34,675	90,510	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recover	154,597		18,901			18,901	135,696	
Total Indirect Costs	154,597		18,901			18,901	135,696	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	2,533,016		309,685			309,685	2,223,330	
VARIANCE (C - D)			2,223,330			2,223,330		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster response	2,533,016		319,439	319,439	309,685	9,753	
Subtotal BL2	2,533,016		319,439	319,439	309,685	9,753	
GRAND TOTAL	2,533,016		319,439	319,439	309,685	9,753	